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**Requirement for Air Force on Soviet Bloc Chartering of Merchant Vessels**

REFERENCE: IR-1675-56, 7325th SPACTYRON, 7050th AISW, USAFE, 4 October 1956, SECRET/NOFORN

BACKGROUND

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1. The referenced report, derived from [REDACTED] port officials, gives details concerning the chartering of certain merchant vessels of Free World registry for voyages to Poland. The Preparing Officer commented that this type of information could be made available on a regular basis if desired.

REQUIREMENT

2. The following information is desired concerning any Free World Merchant vessel which is known to be chartered to (or on behalf of) a Soviet Bloc agency. Where complete information is not available, partial information would be useful.

- a. Name of vessel and country of registry
- b. Name and nationality of chartering agency or firm.
- c. Name and location of charter brokers or other intermediaries involved.
- d. Type of charter -- whether time, voyage, or bareboat.
- e. Purpose of charter -- cargo to be carried, etc.
- f. Effective and terminal dates of charter.
- g. Ports or areas at which charter is to begin or terminate.
- h. Other details.

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